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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD Morning Meeting of 1 March 1968 The Director drew attention to Ambassador Sullivan's cable indicating that the situation in Laos is deteriorating very badly. (See Action 1) Godfrey advised that it appears the Rumanians intended from the very beginning to walk out of the consultative conference and that the question now is whether they will attend the Warsaw Pact consultative committee meeting next Wednesday in Sofia. Godfrey indicated that an OCI memorandum on Communist and ARVN force strengths will be imprecise in some respects due to the absence of hard information. Warner reported that DD/S&T's briefing of Congressman Teague yesterday went well. Bross reported that his and DD/S&T's session with yesterday resulted in agreement to present the case for continuing the OXCART along current lines to the NRO Executive Committee and that whatever rebuttal is forthcoming will be aired in an executive session. Bross indicated that DD/S&T is preparing a written submission for the NRO Executive Committee which will be given to the Director for his review at the earliest opportunity.

DD/P reported that State, if queried on the Ramparts Guevara article, may characterize the allegations contained therein as "outrageous and absurd."

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ACTION:

25X1	1. The <u>Director requested</u> the DD/P to solicit an on Laos from to arrive in Headquarters no later than
	the weekend.
	The Director also requested D/ONE to prepare either a
	Memorandum to Holders or a SNIE, whichever appears to be more
	appropriate, upon receipt of
	L. K. White